Sale of Dangerous Drugs

†3046. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether such medicines which give birth to many dangerous diseases, are being sold under the pressure of MNCs, despite instructions of ICMR and WHO;

(b) if so, the name of said MNCs, the medicines being sold and the bad effects of those medicines;

(c) whether Government would investigate and take strict action against the companies, the sellers of those medicines and the officials involved and immediately stop sale of such medicines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres

3047. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of primary health centres and community health centres functioning at present in the country, alongwith availability of doctors, nurses and hospital beds there *vis-a-vis* other countries, State-wise/Hospital-wise/Union Territory-wise; and

(b) the details of expenditure incurred on health by Government during the last five years, till date, State-wise/Union Territory-wise

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The number of Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres, functioning in the country, State-wise, as on 30-6-1999, is given in the

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Annexure [*See* Appendix 192, Annexure No. 19]. The status of availability of Medical and Para-medical staff in these health centres is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 192, Annexure No. 19].

(b) ᵛState-wise allocation under Health Sector during last four years is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 192, Annexure No. 19]. From the current financial year a new scheme "The Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY)" has been introduced to bridge the critical gaps in quality of care within the rural health infrastructure. For this purpose an allocation of Rs. 375.00 crores has been made by Planning Commission during 2000-01, as Additional Central Assistance. States have been requested to utilize the funds assigned for the primary health Sector under PMGY.

Prices of Medicines

3048. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a wide gap between the whole sale and retail prices of certain medicines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) For scheduled drugs and formulations, the permissible margins are regulated under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995. The retail prices of decontrolled drugs and formulations are fixed by the manufacturers.

Action against spurious drugs manufacturers

†3049. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the provisions for taking concrete legal action against those responsible for converting the life saving drugs into death causing poison and to check the increasing prevalence of spurious drugs; and

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